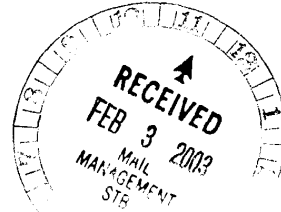


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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: 111-Day Interim Trail Use/Railbanking Agreement Extension Request,  
180-Day Public Use/Purchase Agreement Extension Request, STB Docket  
No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 170), Union Pacific Railroad Company--  
Abandonment--in Polk County, IA  
Action Requested by January 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is to request an extension of the deadline for an interim trail use/railbanking agreement and of the deadline for a public use condition/purchase agreement between the City of Des Moines, Iowa (City) and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) in the matter of STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 170). The present deadline for the interim trail use/rail banking agreement is March 15, 2003, and the deadline for the public use condition/purchase agreement is January 5, 2003. The City hereby requests that the deadlines for the interim trail use/railbanking agreement be extended until July 4, 2003 (111 days), and that the deadline for the public use condition/purchase agreement also be extended until July 4, 2003 (180 days).

With the UPRR's cooperation, the City is now engaged in an engineering investigation of the feasibility of utilizing the railroad bridge over the Raccoon River for a bike trail, as well as investigating ownership and environmental issues with respect to the remainder of the railroad right-of-way subject to this abandonment proceeding. While the parties expect to complete these investigations expeditiously, we were not able to conclude those investigations prior to the expiration of the existing public use condition on January 5, 2003, and are not likely to complete them prior to the March 15 expiration of the interim trail use/rail banking agreement.

Please forward your decision regarding this extension to the following parties:

Mr. Don Tripp  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
3226 University Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50311  
Tel. (515) 237-1452

Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Sr. General Attorney, Union Pacific Railroad Company  
101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Tel. (312) 777-2055



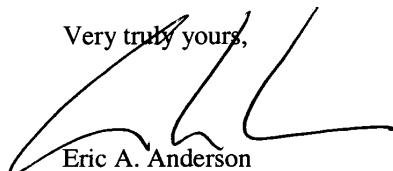
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We have discussed this request with the UPRR and they are supportive of this extension request. The UPRR will forward a support letter to you under separate cover.

Please direct questions regarding this request to Mr. Don Tripp, (515) 237-1452. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric A. Anderson', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eric A. Anderson  
City Manager, City of Des Moines, Iowa

cc: Mr. Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Union Pacific Railroad Company  
Mr. John Herdzina, Union Pacific Railroad Company  
Mr. Don Tripp, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Mr. John McKee, Acting City Engineer  
Mr. Phil Wageman, Director, City Real Estate Division